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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON CONCORDE

FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY THE
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS BEING GIVEN TO THE PRESS
LATE TODAY FOR MARCH 15 MORNING PAPERS. WE BELIEVE
THAT STONE INTENDS TO HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO MAKE
HIS VIEWS PUBLIC ON MORNING MARCH 15.

QUOTE DR. JEREMY STONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN
ABOUT THE SCIENTIFIC PHENOMENA, MARKED BY LOUD NOISE
AND LIGHTS, THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED OFF THE EAST COAST
SINCE LAST DECEMBER. IT IS DR. STONE'S HYPOTHESIS THAT
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THESE DISTURBANCES ARE BEING CAUSED BY THE CONCORDE
AIRCRAFT.

QUOTE IN RESPONSE, I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS THEORY WITH
DR. STONE, DR. FRANK PRESS, THE PRESIDENT'S SCIENCE
ADVISER, AND DR. ALAN BERMAN OF THE NAVAL RESEARCH
LABORATORY. DR. BERMAN HAS MADE AN EXTENSIVE IN-

VESTIGATION OF THE PHENOMENA IN RECENT MONTHS. HIS
STUDIES CONCLUDE THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT WERE

RESPONSIBLE, AND HE HAS RECENTLY ISSUED A 151-PAGE REPORT
TO THAT EFFECT.

QUOTE HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
RAISED, I HAVE ASKED DR. BERMAN TO EXAMINE DR. STONE'S
THEORY. IN ADDITION, DR. PRESS HAS AGREED TO GIVE ME A
RECOMMENDATION AS TO HOW THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY MIGHT
ASSESS DR. BERMAN'S FINDINGS, ONCE HE HAS COMPLETED HIS
REVIEW.

QUOTE THESE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS WILL HAVE NO
EFFECT WHATSOEVER ON CURRENT GOVERNMENT MONITORING
AND REVIEW OF CONCORDE OPERATIONS IN THE U.S.
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